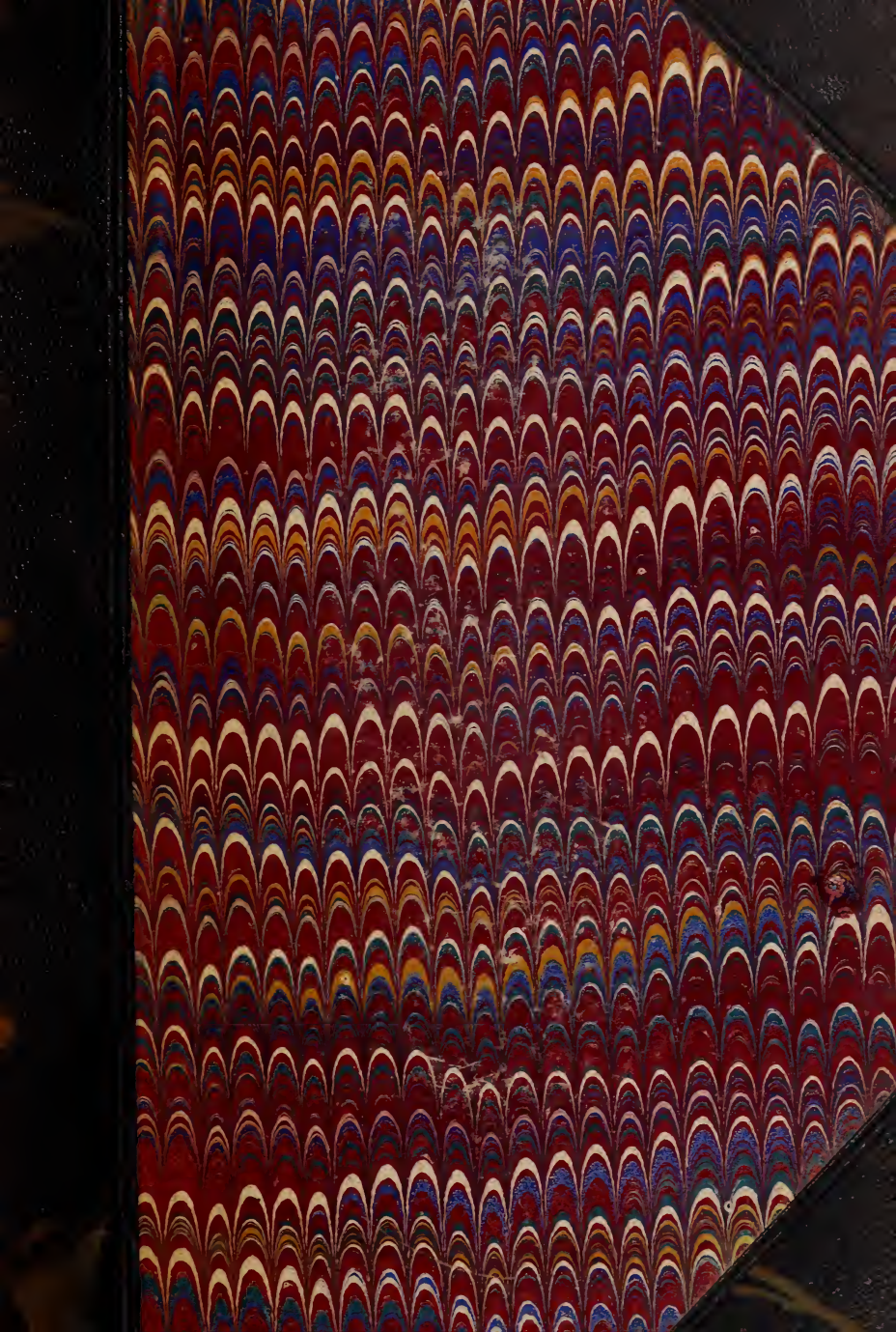

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THE letters of our missionaries show no abatement of interest or persevering effort to give the Word of God to every creature. Shall we at home fall behind in our less arduous task of supplying the needed funds to sustain and cheer our workers in foreign lands? One writes thus cheerfully of her chosen calling:

"The work is a blessed one, and we become so interested in it that 'being a missionary one would not be anything else,' for in comparison, other interests seem of small consequence. The sacrifice once made of giving up all to follow Christ's leadings to the foreign field, it is made for all time, and one can never regret it. There is no happiness like that of losing all to possess Jesus Christ and obey His voice."

Could any appeal be more forcible than that transcribed by Dr. Reifsnyder's pen, in these pages? The call is loud. Who will answer?

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

PRESS OF WORK.

Letters from Dr. Elizabeth Reifsnyder.

West Gate, *May 4th*, 1887.—We are so busy just now, almost every day turning patients away. Had 173 on Monday, and refused a great many admittance. Strange that no more feel moved to come and help in this great work! Owing to the rain, we had but forty patients this afternoon. We prayed for rain in order that we might rest a little from one kind of work and get another kind attended to. Last month we saw 2,307. It only rained one day since. We had large numbers daily, and had it not been for the help of the convalescing patients, I doubt whether we could have gotten ready for all the people. Miss McKechnie always has a large force in the drug rooms mornings making pills, powders, ointment, etc.

CHILD-PATIENTS.

Just now we have two little slave girls, each about fourteen years old, that have been most helpful. Both have undergone operations here and are ready to go home, but they *want* to stay with us. One is a sweet child, and we would like to keep her. To-day both asked me if I would not buy them. They look very sad when their mothers come, and we do feel sorry for them. But our saddest time was to-day. Poor little Tsö Tsung had to leave us after being with us four months. She occupied the "Pruyn Memorial" bed until recently, when the almost well children were compelled to double up for want of beds. She is seven years of age and lives with her mother-in-law, and, as already written, the child had her thigh broken, and was almost killed by this cruel mother-in-law. After weeks of care she has recovered. Her disposition was not a good one, but we thought, if allowed to remain with us, she might be taught. One day

only was she in school and would not go again. We did not insist, as her mother-in-law was expected daily. Every one in the hospital has been most kind to the child; all were sorry for her. This morning the mother-in-law appeared, and the matron said the child shook all over when she saw her come. The little thing behaved better than I had anticipated, but her sorrow was too deep. Her clothes were changed; all, except the red trousers she had worn, a pair of red and white stockings and her shoes. These she was allowed to keep. I gave her a scrap-book also, and tried to give the mother-in-law good advice. All in the place told her to be good to the child. Mrs. Knae, who has been with the child day and night, could not see her go, but went up in the wards and there wept most of the morning. Mrs. Tsang, my assistant, walked away to do some unnecessary dusting; the cook and the wash-woman both looked ready to cry, while the poor little girl went away with tears in her eyes and rolling down her little cheeks. We did feel so sorry, and yet there was nothing to be done but to let the child go. I believe this little girl's going to-day was one of the saddest things that has yet happened at the Hospital; and not so much her leaving, but the hard life that is before her, all of which our women know only too well!

THE PLACE OF HEALING.

April 25th, 1887.—I can write better after a busy day, and this truly has been one of the busiest. How I wished for some of the dear friends in America to-day. If you could only have seen the crowd of women and children that come for treatment you would have been repaid for all your goodness in establishing in this land "a place of healing," as the Chinese term it. Monday is always a busy day on account of our not seeing dispensary patients on Sunday. Once before this spring we had 178 and then refused to see any more. All this morning was spent in seeing the house patients, special ones from the outside, and in vaccinating the children. These, together with many other little duties, such as looking

after the carpenter, etc., occupied the morning. Miss McKechnie was busy getting ready for the afternoon, making up solutions, having powders made, pills made, and ointments rubbed up and everything so arranged that time might be saved. Several of the old patients helped to fold the powders, and quite a help it was, too.

CROWDS OF PATIENTS.

By noon we felt tired, but picked up strength while sitting at the dinner table. Before I left the Hospital at twelve, eighty-five patients had entered. When I returned at one P. M., the waiting-room was full, hall and stairs full, outside steps full, and others standing outside the building. Shortly past one o'clock the old gate-keeper came in and said: "170 have registered, shall any more be admitted?" That is 170 patients, but over 200; yes, more people, for a number always come with the sick. I told the old man, anything very important, or if the patient came a long way, of course such ones would be seen; the rest would have to be told to come again. I had begun promptly at one P. M. to see the cases, and at one time my heart might have failed me, but now I know that I shall get through, and I do not worry. But how the patients did crowd, or did try to crowd in. The coolie at the door had a hard time to get them in order, and several times I went out and told them very quietly, but very decidedly, that they were only wasting time pushing and crowding so. Whenever a baby cried, I saw that baby at once and let it go. Mrs. Day tried to preach, but I doubt if she made much impression to-day—too many. If anyone could say anything, certainly Mrs. Day is that one; but I think she did more good in the wards among the few than she could possibly do among the large number to-day.

By degrees the number grew smaller, until I finished up by vaccinating the 180th. I began the day vaccinating; I closed the day's work in the same manner. When I had seen about ninety, a lady from one of the Mission schools here

came to see me about a sick child, and to see what was to be done for her. I stopped a few minutes to give her advice, and as she left she said, "I should think you would get distracted with all these people." I replied that I felt very comfortably, and would, no doubt, get through all right—always did. Two patients were admitted into the Hospital to-day. One had to be put in the small room outside, the other has a tumor just below the eye, which tumor I hope to remove in a few days. My great difficulty is to find time for the operations. I always do them in the afternoon, and after writing prescriptions until four P. M., I do not think my hand is any too steady, and yet matters cannot be helped. Miss McKechnie and her rather new assistant put up almost 300 prescriptions. Much medicine must necessarily be given out.

HELP AT THE PRAYER MEETING.

After the day's work was done we hurried down to the Monday evening prayer meeting, and we were very greatly paid for going. We never miss, if we can possibly help it, for one usually gets much that is helpful all the rest of the week. To-night a Mr. Stott, of the China Inland Mission, led, and his words were especially good. I believe he and his wife go home by way of America.

A VOLUNTARY NATIVE TEACHER.

Letter from Miss E. McKechnie.

May 4th.—I have a most interesting story of a woman. This woman was converted about a year ago, perhaps longer than that. She is miserably poor and has a poor, opium-smoking husband. We employed her in an emergency at the Hospital, but did not keep her long. After a time she united with the church, and came to our Bible-Readers almost every evening for instruction. Later on she obtained work in the silk filature; exactly what kind of work I do not know, for

I have never visited the place. It is in charge of a foreigner, and all must work on the Sabbath. Miss Burnett heard of this and made a visit to the place and had a talk with the employer, but apparently it did no good. The result was the woman gave up the work. Not long ago she gathered up a number of ragged boys from the West Gate and is teaching them in her house. Miss Burnett heard of this, and helped her as far as to furnish a table and a few seats, but no more. She teaches the children the Sabbath-school lessons, and there are none of the day-school scholars who recite the central truth and golden text better than those dirty, ragged boys. She also brings them to prayers in the chapel. Now, this woman has not asked to be employed. The Bible-Reader teaches her, and she in turn teaches the boys, trusting the Lord to supply her wants. What is our duty in regard to this woman? Such faith, if it be genuine, is rare, and I am sure it is being tested. It makes my heart ache when I think of the poverty and wretchedness of the place she calls home, yet her life is brightened by the presence of the Lord Jesus, and I have no doubt He will bless her in ways she has never dreamed of. I tell you of this case because it puzzles us and we do not know what is best to do.

HOSPITAL WORK.

The work goes on about as usual. The numbers at the Hospital have been unusually large, as the weather has been very fine. We have had a long dry spell—very unusual—and the women have been able to get out. The little girl who has been so long in the "Pruyn Memorial" bed is ready to go out when her mother-in-law comes for her. She cries whenever it is mentioned to her, but we must let her go. The little girl who had her leg amputated and occupies the "New Jersey" bed is almost well, and if her friends do not want her, what are we to do with her? She is a very sweet child, and we think might become very useful if educated. The "Julia Cumming Jones" bed is occupied by a woman who had a cancer

removed. I have had several talks with the woman, but she does not care to listen very much, although she is respectful. She also is convalescing, and last Friday night I was surprised to see her come into the Bible-class. I was also surprised to find she had learned the "golden text." Perhaps she is not so indifferent as she appears to be. The "Margaret Darrah" bed has a poor little Cantonese girl in it. She has some lung trouble, and there is not very much hope of her recovery. We do not understand any of Cantonese, so we cannot do much in the way of conversation. Yet the child seems very contented. Our trouble now is with the children, that they do not want to go home when they get well. When they are convalescing, and it is best for them to be doing something, I always get them to help in the drug room, either to make powders, pills, or to wind bandages, which they do skillfully, and they are delighted with this kind of work, as they have the impression that they are not far from being "doctors," when they can do such things. The ladies of our Visiting Committee are very kind; some of them remember the patients with oranges or flowers every time they come. The Chinese are fond of flowers; they appreciate even a leaf with which to adorn their beds.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

Letter from Mrs. Pierson.

April 5th, 1887.—We have so many causes for gratitude to our Heavenly Father that our lips cannot utter what our hearts sincerely feel. A number of our very first scholars, who left years ago for various reasons, some having married and others removed to distant places, are returning to visit us and revive old associations. A young woman has just left my room who came to the day-school twelve years ago. She never made any professions of faith in the Lord Jesus, but was careless and worldly. At that early period of my mis-

sion life my knowledge of the language was exceedingly limited, and consequently the instruction she received was meager. At the time she attended our school she was married, but her husband was in Europe. He had once been a professing Christian, but was only nominally so, as when temptation was presented to him he renounced his faith and apostatized. Upon his return to Japan, his wife left school, persisting in her unbelief. After many days during these long, intervening years, we have not once met, but this afternoon the door opened and she entered my room. She is much changed in appearance. Her husband is dead, leaving her with two young children. Her heart seems very tender, prepared, I trust, by the Holy Spirit to receive the truth unto salvation. She expressed a desire for a Bible and I gave her the New Testament in the vernacular. After speaking to her of the great eternal truths of God in Christ and praying for her, she departed to return to her own home, she has promised to come again at the earliest opportunity. We have constant and blessed assurances of this kind, that even a cup of cold water given to a little one in the name and for the sake of Jesus, receives His blessing!

DEVELOPING CHARACTER.

Letter from Mrs. Viele.

Peace Cottage, *April 10th.*—I believe that the friends at home who ask for a child to support generally hope for a bright and interesting one, but truth compels me to say that we have very few in the Home of that variety; they are nearly all very ordinary children, and it requires long patience and perseverance on our part before they begin to show any special promise. Still, when the seasoning process begins to take place in their own hearts and lives, I confess the transformation is often very wonderful. One of my dear girls told me not long ago, when sweetly giving up her will to my better judgment over some little personal matter, that she had taken

for her motto for this year—"What would Jesus do?" and applying this question often helped her to yield a point without a moment's hesitation.

My early morning duties are waiting on the girls at their tables, and having morning prayers with all our school servants and Bible women, about 150 souls.

VISITS FROM TRAVELERS.

We generally find out very soon when strangers who are decided Christians are in Yokohama. We see them at the religious services, or they are making inquiries in regard to the Mission work, or in some way we find them out and some of us call on them at the hotel, and perhaps invite them to lunch, and to visit the school. Many "angels" have we entertained in this way. Two young ladies of a party, I invited one evening to the Cottage. One, a sweet songstress, delighted my girls and us all with her charming voice. We had the "Stars and Stripes" displayed, and the girls had decorated my room with flowers, so the pleasure was mutual. They will not forget it; nor shall we. Then, on last Sunday evening, they went on ship-board with me and were so deeply impressed with the scene. Services are held below, and with 200 eager, upturned faces of our boys in navy blue, often with eyes dim with tears, and then singing as only sailors can sing, was a sight and sound so unusual and so touching, they will not forget it while they live. We have been notified by two guns in the harbor of the arrival of a steamer bringing news from home. The letters and papers right from home, though a month old, are so real and new to us, and they bring so much of home and friends to our foreign life, we forget our far away surroundings for a little time and abandon ourselves to the feeling of the near presence of loved ones.

OUR BIBLE WOMEN.

Just now while I am writing I hear the voice of praise going up from many voices in our school-room. Mrs. Pierson is

holding a meeting with her scholars and the Bible women; the services are in Japanese and very hearty. The Christian girls and women take part in the service without hesitation, praying or talking with as much freedom as they would speak about things pertaining to this life; so they are trained to do, and seem to have no other idea. These women whom Mrs. Pierson is training go out two by two and read the Word and explain it in the simple way that she teaches them to do, always offering prayer and singing hymns; all, of course, in Japanese, as they cannot speak a word of English, and in this way the good seed is being scattered in many of these dark homes. Sometimes the hearers become awakened to inquire into the "Jesus way" more particularly, and will either go to the foreign teacher's house or ask for her to come to them to explain the way of salvation more fully. The work grows more and more encouraging and our hearts are rejoicing in what the Lord is doing through His own chosen ones.

We take the children when quite small and bring them up into womanhood, and then they take their places as teachers. But in the case of the Bible women, the work is much more quickly set in motion. When a good Christian native woman comes to ask for instruction, that she may commence telling the story of the Cross, with her heart full of love, she is nearly ready to begin at once and bear testimony of what the Lord has done for her soul. But she will be keenly questioned, perhaps, and these heathen are like new-born babes; they know nothing, except as they are instructed, like little children, although their eagerness to learn and their earnest prayers to God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are their sure passports to knowledge in the things of God.

This morning, at the Japanese prayers, Mrs. Pierson had fifteen Bible women present; three of the scholars from the school, who came in to aid in the singing, the helpers on the place, with all the children they represent, making a company of twice fifteen souls. These meet in the children's dining-room after breakfast, and while all the school are gathered for worship in the sitting-room, Mrs. Pierson reads a verse

with them alternately. You would be touched, indeed, to see each with a Japanese Bible, reading with deep interest. Then Mrs. Pierson explains the lesson read and gives them some references to look up. This morning they turned to the place as quickly as would a child at home, trained to the use of their Bible from infancy, and some of these have been in the class but a year. One of the references which they all read together this morning was, "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God." Then they sang "I heard the voice of Jesus say," and one Bible woman, Yoni, was called on to pray, which she did with great earnestness. Afterwards I asked her to come to my room and had a long, sweet talk with her. One of my little girls, who is not yet a Christian, interpreted for me, for I thought the dear child's own heart might be touched by the tender earnestness of the words she translated into English for me. The woman told me that she was never really happy until she was led to give her heart to God. She never had had any instruction in the new religion before she came here.

Letter from Yaso Katagiri.

TILL within the last few years the work and sphere of influence assigned to Japanese women were very narrow, being restricted only to domestic duties with sewing, spinning and cooking for their occupation. Now a great freedom and privilege are enjoyed by the women of the present day. The girls' schools everywhere are now quite full, as also our school. There are now 130 scholars, and constant applications for admittance, all of which we are obliged to refuse for want of room. We feel very sorry not to be able to take them, because if they enter other schools they will learn nothing about the true religion, for in many schools the subject of religion is a thing unspoken of. We are praying God, if it is His will, to give us a larger school, so that many more might be allowed the privileges we enjoy.

We know that it is owing to the regenerating influence of Christianity upon society that the woman of the present day can enjoy so much freedom, and we ascribe praise to Him who doeth all things well.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Letter from Toku-Toyama.

SINCE our church was formed it is just fifteen years the 10th of March, so the members decided to celebrate the day. All the pastors who have gone out of our church were invited to be present at the celebration. A gallery was built in the back part of the church, as it was too small to hold all the members and the guests. On Thursday afternoon we had hymns, addresses and congratulations, and one of the elders gave the history of the church during these fifteen years. In the evening we had a thanksgiving meeting, in which several of the pastors addressed us. The next two days we had lectures for the people in Yokohama, in one of the theaters in the town. It began from two o'clock in the afternoon and from seven in the evening. The place was full both days, but unfortunately the second evening we had a great typhoon, and the place was in danger, so the owner requested us to stop, but we could have next evening, so we broke up. When we came out it was both raining and blowing, and we had quite a time to get home. The next day it cleared off; the place was full that evening, too, and five persons spoke. They spoke very distinctly, so that all listened very attentively. We were all very grateful to God for leading so many persons to incline their ears to hear about our religion. I hope you will remember in prayer that the seed sown in the hearts of the people may not be in vain, but bring forth great harvest to the honor and glory of our Saviour.

INDIA—CALCUTTA.

SCRIPTURE TEACHING.

Letter from Miss Hook.

May 10th, 1887.—I wish our readers could go once a year through our work and see for themselves the amount of Scripture knowledge that is planted in the minds of the large number of little girls who annually leave our schools to be married, but they may pray that this knowledge shall produce new hearts and holy lives. I will carry you with me through one morning's work: The Bagh Bazar school of fifty girls, examined in Scripture. The first class had read through "Peep-of-Day" and "Line upon Line," ending with the death of Joshua. Commencing with the entrance of the Israelites into Canaan, I put questions running back to the creation, touching upon the chief characters, events and the marvelous history of God's people, and how He led them on all the way from the call of Abraham to their rest in the promised land; the fall of man, his lost condition and need of a Saviour; Christ's coming, His birth, life, works, death and resurrection; the significance of the blood of the Passover; the saving and cleansing power of Christ's blood. Every question I could think of to test their knowledge, both as to the history and spiritual meaning, was put rapidly and answered without a moment's hesitation. The only mistake made was calling the Dead Sea a river as well as the Jordan. Their answers showed a very thorough understanding of the Scripture they had studied. The Second Catechism was then produced. This is difficult, containing proofs of the truth of the Bible, etc. Five chapters of this had been prepared and every question given, dodging here and there, answered perfectly. Next, a book of selected texts, some forty in number, had been committed to memory, and any text I chose, giving the first word, was instantly recited. The fifteenth of John was gone through in the same way. These girls were none over eleven years, and all will very soon be married; but I believe their minds are well stored with the saving truths of

the Gospel, and they cannot bow to an idol and be guiltless; and I do not believe they will do it. When they leave us we give them the Bible to take with them.

SATISFACTORY WORK.

The next class of twenty answered well through the creation and fall, and the life and death of Christ; many perfectly, but not all, recited the fifth chapter of Matthew, part of the selected texts, more than half of the First Catechism; knew the Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and part of the "Old, Old Story." Many of these were very small children. The infants recited three or four pages of Catechism, some verses of the "Old, Old Story," and answered many questions in "Peep-of-Day," on Christ's birth and miracles. Their answers and the Lord's Prayer were said in concert, keeping good time. By this detached account you will see the mode of teaching pursued. In some of the schools the upper classes are reading the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles. A Bible lesson is given every day; and although by the Government standards we are obliged to teach many branches, we strive to have the chief importance laid on Scripture. One day a Babu complained to me that the girls who attended school were not so good and obedient at home as those who did not go to school; and from another quarter a mother sent a request that the "Mem" in charge of the school would punish her daughter, as she had been very disobedient. These were very serious complaints, and the latter case was very carefully investigated. The cause was discovered to be that the mother had told the child to steal something and she would not do it. How true the words of our Saviour: "I came not to bring peace."

A WISH GRANTED.

Some time ago I expressed a wish that more good friends would contribute to the support of teachers, our work requires so many. Now, I wish to thank those who have so gener-

ously and promptly responded to supply the need. Their kindness has given me fresh courage, and I reproach myself for not having had more faith in the liberality of our friends. We have been suffering from a want, and it might have been supplied before had I only let them know it. I do confess my fault and promise to do better in future; but perhaps prompt action is better than promises, so I had better state at once something more I want very much, namely, an organ for our "Home." We sing hymns morning and evening at prayers and have a prayer-meeting once a week. These are stated occasions, not to mention others. Sometimes the singing is poor and faint, and the only instrument we have is an old piano—a poor, second-hand instrument; was gotten cheap eighteen or nineteen years ago, and has done good service; but time has told upon it, and now the sounds it gives forth are depressing to the inspiration of the performer and torture those within hearing. Wherever I go among the Missions I find the sweet toned American organs, and this, the oldest of Mission "Homes," is without one. Now, this "Home" is old, but not superannuated. Sweet music can be appreciated here, and I want to tell our good friends that we shall feel younger if we have an organ to help us sing God's praises. Let none take from what they would give for general expenses; but if, besides, they can get this gift for the old Calcutta "Home," there will be more than one grateful heart in it.

LOCKING UP THE MEDICINE.

Letter from Miss Gardner.

April 27th, 1887.—Calcutta has settled down to a spell of hot weather, as we New Englanders would say. English people who can, are escaping to the hills or home, and those who can't are putting on an extra screw to meet the strain of the months to come. 'Tis only a day at a time we know, and His grace is sufficient. The orphans enjoy it and are much healthier and happier than they are in the short, cold

season. I have ceased to hear the screams that used to come floating to me through the air in the early morning when the little ones were put into their bath. The water seemed so cold to them a few months ago. Now, however, it's warm enough, and I imagine if they cry at all it's when they are taken out, for if their experience is at all like mine, the bath is the pleasantest and coolest part of the day's work. For the last week I have been doctor as well as general superior, and have met with such success that I am thinking of taking on the M.D. and setting up regularly. We always have a native doctor who comes every day to look after the children; and knowing that I have not given it much personal thought till a few weeks ago, it dawned upon me that we were having a great deal of sickness. Every night when I made my rounds I found the hospital quite full of patients and I set to work to inquire what was the matter, and I found most of them had really little or no illness at all, but were kept on the sick list and dosed for days, so I took matters into my own hands, locking up the dispensary altogether and forbidding any medicine to be given, except what passed through my hands. The result has been marvelous. Last night there was nobody in the Hospital, and the nurse smilingly said to me, "You have taken away all my work." A new doctor is coming next week, but I shall keep the key of the dispensary, I think, leaving him out a bottle of castor oil and some quinine. All my reputation and success for the last three weeks are based on those two medicines. They work like a charm in this country.

THE NEW HOME.

You ask me how I like Calcutta, and I am obliged to answer, if I speak truthfully, not at all. The life here is new to me and I find it difficult to adapt myself to the noise and confusion, and most of all, the many interruptions to one's work that one meets in a big city like this; and then spiritually it is so dead. Coming, as I did, from a month spent at Northfield, I found the contrast almost painful. It is neces-

sarily so in any big center like this, and must be especially true of a heathen city. Seen from one point of view, Calcutta could hardly be called a heathen city. Driving along its beautiful roads, lined on both sides with palatial residences, or through the thoroughfare of English shops, or on the promenade at night, when the drive is crowded with every shape, size and description of conveyance, carrying all sorts and conditions of Europeans, there is not much to remind one of anything, except the refinement and luxury of civilization.

THE HEART OF HEATHENDOM.

It doesn't take one long, however, to get to the other side of the picture, as I found out a night or two ago, when fifteen minute's drive took me away from it all, into the very heart of heathendom. We went to Kalighat, the most hideous and vilest of all idol temples that I have known in India. The place was crowded, and it was with some difficulty that we found our way through a labyrinth of lesser temples to this, the great temple of all, with the horrible image of Kali grinning at the crowd who were prostrate before her. They had finished the daily sacrifice when we arrived, so we were spared that much. Two hundred animals had been offered that day to propitiate the bloody goddess. The saddest part of it all was the number of young children, some of them little girls, who stood about taking it all into their young minds. Not knowing what else to do to relieve my own mind, I turned to the priest who was conducting us and said to him, "You know this is all wrong; these people may be deceived, but you know better." To my surprise, he did not try to defend himself, and I found, after some further conversation, that he had at one time been taught in a Mission school in Calcutta and knew all about the better way. He is evidently doing this as a way of making a livelihood, not having any conscience in the matter. I did not spare him after that discovery. So heathenism and civilization lie very close together in this big city. If it were heathenism and Christianity, I should feel more hopeful. We are apt to con-

sider civilization and Christianity as going hand in hand; they certainly ought. One has only to live a while in India to find how far apart they are. If all with "one mind and one spirit" would "strive together for the faith of the Gospel," there would not be much question of the downfall of heathendom. Pray for us that we may be "strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness."

A GREAT TRIUMPH.

Letter from Miss Caddy.

April 13th.—Yesterday was the "Churrick Poojah," when in days gone by people turned out in great numbers to see some poor wretches swing from long poles with hooks in their backs. This cruelty is no longer permitted by the Government, but the day is observed as a general holiday, and men dressed in grotesque costumes parade the streets. Children, of course, dearly love to go about seeing the sights or "samshos," as they call them; and we were told that very few would come to school. It was also the last day of the year and many had gone to bathe in the river. I had twenty-four or twenty-five children in school, which was encouraging, as we were told that very few would be present. One of the older girls I found had refused to go to the river with her mother, but came to school instead. I was very pleased with the girl, for it was self-denial on her part to give up the pleasant drive in the cool morning to the river side; but I was still more pleased to see that the fetters of Hindoo superstition were relaxing and that the girl was not forced to go nor punished for refusing to perform the sacred ceremony. Years ago such an act would have closed our school; everyone would have cried out that the children were becoming regardless of their gods. How surely is the leaven working! and who can let or hinder it?

KNEEL AND ASK.

Letter from Miss DUTT.

I HAD a very interesting class of girls to-day, to whom I devoted an hour and a-half solely on Scripture lessons. It was such a privilege, and my facility with the language first arrested their attention, and I could see not a word was lost upon them. Our lesson was on Jacob's journey.

I taught the girls, for the first time, to kneel down and pray; hitherto they stood when praying. I thought in the Scriptures there is mention of our Lord's kneeling down and falling on His face when he prayed, so it would be more proper for us to assume that posture, since we cannot imagine of any other so suited to us as supplicants.

INDIA—ALLAHABAD.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

Letter from Miss KENNEDY.

April 5th, 1887.—I have been at work over two weeks now and feel as if I were really doing something, although it is not much at present. At first I could not answer all the questions the women asked me, but I talked all I could, and I found that after two days' experience, I could both speak and understand a good deal more Bengali than when I began.

I love these women, for most of them have such pleasant ways. They sit near me with the long cloth that forms the principal part of their dress thrown over the head and drawn with one hand close to the face. This saree gives them a modest and womanly appearance, and it seems to me, adds a certain meekness to their faces as they bend over their books. They seem to understand their Bible lessons fairly well, and can answer simple questions on it. I long for the time when I shall know the language well enough to say to them all I wish.

INDIA—CAWNPORE.

FEAR TURNING TO TRUST.

Letter from Miss Luce.

In a school not far from the Hindu temple, I teach on Thursday; but for the past two months they have been taught by a native Christian teacher, who has gradually won the love of the people round about her by her pleasant and winning ways. When I first took her there, the girls were in the habit of coming together for me on Thursdays and Sundays. So, when I went on the following Sunday to sing and to teach the children, some women came to me and said that they did not care to have their children taught so often, as they were afraid they would soon become Christians; but I am glad to say that some of these women are now the very ones who come on Sunday, and some of them have even learned from the children the text, "God so loved the world," etc. There are seventeen bright little girls in school and three small boys. These children are low caste Hindus; they wear bright-colored koortas, and a covering over their heads called a "chudder." These poor little ones have their faces smeared with mud, and most of them never comb their hair, so it is flying all over their faces. The little girls are getting on with their studies, and each one can repeat three scripture verses and nearly three chapters of Catechism. They are usually taught from a bible picture-book on Sunday, as they are fond of bright colors, and they like to sit quite close up to the picture and listen attentively to the scripture verses.

On the sixth of this month I had much pleasure giving them the gifts sent out to them. We opened the school with a hymn they are fond of, "There is a happy land," and they sing it very heartily; in prayer, they always bow their heads and close their eyes, and repeat the Lord's prayer after us. After they had recited, each one received a koorta trimmed with red, and some sweets; and I wish you could have seen their bright, happy faces!

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Agnus Dei.

A PHOTOGRAPH tablet-card, eight by four inches, lies before us representing this work of art by Steinhausen, which was presented to our Society that it might be sold and its value in money applied to The Hospital for Women in Shanghai, China. "AGNUS DEI," "Lamb of God!" the image of Jesus as the "Child Divine," "the holy, spotless Child." As was said in the July number of the LINK, "Proserpine" has been sent on her mission, but the more costly marble waits a purchaser. Its price, $1,500, would send out three new medical helpers. It is proposed to purchase this statue in shares of fifty cents each, and have the whole amount raised before our autumn work begins.

"Every person taking one or more shares will be entitled to a photograph of the statue. Will not you take up with enthusiasm this work for the summer?

"Remember that every fifty cents given for this purpose makes you a sharer in the beautiful work of Dr. Reifsnyder and her associates.

"Money can be sent to the Treasurer, 41 Bible House, and will be acknowledged in the LINK. If photographs are desired, please state the number."

We trust that by the time this September LINK reaches its readers, the sale may have been completed; but if not, let us all make one strong effort to help raise the closing sum. W.

Old Friends and New.

WE present glimpses of two Bands, one, dating back almost to the formation of our Society, has ever been firm and faithful to its trust; the other is one of our youngest and most promising Bands, and is connected with a large church in New York City:

LIGHT BEARERS' BAND, BROOKLYN.—It is with pleasure we review our winter's work and find in the well-filled box for Calcutta, besides other

articles for Allahabad, proof that our Band maintains its interest and enthusiasm in its chosen work. We are deeply grateful for letters received from missionaries and teachers abroad, which uphold our hearts and hands, as we strive in a different way to uphold theirs. Great encouragement has come from the loving help of our little girls, the "Happy Hour Club," whose busy fingers prepared many articles for the box, and who also contributed $3.50 for some special object Miss Gardner may choose.

Rightly named are the "Earnest Workers," a band of boys from ten to thirteen years of age, who also desired to become auxiliary to our Band. $6.25 has been handed to us as the result of their labor and self-denial, to be devoted by Miss Hook to some special work. They entertain bright hopes for an increase of numbers in the fall and a more systematic mode of working.

We feel greatly cheered and stimulated by the thought of what these little auxiliaries may develop into.

M. G. W., *Secretary.*

Little Three-years-old.

"Little Three-years-old" is a prodigy; an auxiliary of an auxiliary, grafted into or an off-shoot from the Leverich Memorial Band, Corona, L. I. It has already proved itself worthy of its honorable lineage. This band of "Ready Hands and Willing Hearts" was organized about three years ago at the home of two little girls residing in the city of New York.

For the first year there were seven members. Ten meetings were held during the winter season; $22.54 cents contributed. A card with the six rules written out, was given to each member. The average attendance at twenty-six meetings was excellent. The contributions amounted to $87.55. A large number of garments of different kinds were completed and scrap-books, by the members of the Band. To fill a box, a great variety of useful things were chosen for each one to send as gifts for Christmas to the children in a foreign land, which was sent with useful articles as a Christmas offering to the Orphanage at Yokohama, Japan. In acknowledgment several very gratifying letters were received.

The second year opened with the addition of three new members. Twenty-three meetings were held with greater interest than the previous year. The contributions amounted to $57.28. The work accomplished was greater than in the previous year, and as the result a large box was again sent to the Orphanage.

At the opening meeting of the third year new regulations were suggested; each member to bring a new member; a fine of twenty-five cents for absence, and five cents for every five minutes late; every third meeting only to be devoted to the scrap-books, and punctuality, generosity and industry to be shown by all.

How a Penny Can Grow.

"Mission Studies" for June copies from the "Advance" an Original Plan for Raising Funds for Benevolent Purposes.

THE Lady Superintendent of a Sunday-school gave last Easter, to members of her school, one penny each, to be invested in an honest way, the earnings therefrom to be collected at Christmas and given to some benevolent cause. Teachers and scholars participated in the plan. An artist wished to paint a picture, but it required much thought so to turn her penny as to be able to purchase canvas and paints.

The brilliant idea at last dawned of buying a cent's worth of darning cotton, with which she darned stockings for friends until the sum needed for material was earned. A literary teacher purchased for a penny pop-corn, selling it for five cents, with which she bought paper, envelopes and stamps. She then wrote a story, for which she was paid by a publisher. Another bought flower-seeds, from which she sold flowers. Two little boys, becoming partners in business, bought nuts for two cents. These they cracked and sold the meat to relatives. A cent's worth of lettuce-seed yielded increase. Four children invested in eggs and borrowed a hen to hatch them. The result of all the above efforts at Christmas time amounted to $50.

H. E. B.

Book Notices.

GLIMPSES OF MAORI LAND, by Annie R. Butler. Religious Tract Society, London.

This is a thoroughly fresh and readable narrative of a few months of travel and residence in New Zealand. "Pen-and-ink sketches" the author modestly calls them, "intended as a substitute for face-to-face talks with our dear ones at home." But her rare gifts of observation and of expression lift the book from the level of mere traveling sketches into that of literature, while the sweet, Christian spirit that breathes from every page must be felt helpfully by every reader.

MISSION BAND DEPARTMENT.

Wedding Looks.

BY S. F. GARDNER.

THANKFUL, one of the girls in our Calcutta Orphanage, was married yesterday. I wish you could have seen the wedding. She was married in the Orphanage parlor. Her husband is the "only son of his mother, and she is a widow" and a Bible woman. They took Thankful into their hearts, both mother and son, very warmly, and I hope she will lead a happy and useful life. She certainly has a good chance for she will have her place in the little Christian Church, of which her husband is a member, and can, if she will, have much influence. She looked so pretty yesterday in her fresh, white clothes; she had a sort of white, silky-looking cloth draped most gracefully over her, and over the whole thing a soft, white veil. But oh! how lugubrious she did look! not that she felt so, but it is the custom. To have smiled any time during the day would have been a breach of propriety that she would never have thought of committing.

However, when it was all over she resumed her usual cheerfulness, much to my relief, for to have her go off that way would have been a trial to me, even though I knew it was all put on for propriety's sake!

Future Possibilities.

BY M. McINTOSH.

I WAS very much amused when I heard a woman say, "When I am born again I hope I will be born like one of you; then I will put a hat on my head and shoes

on my feet, and go about where I like! I hope I will never be a fish, because the Bengalis would eat me, nor yet a cow, for then the English might eat me." Here she shuddered and made a very funny face, as if the thought even was enough to fill her with horror.

A Sad Festival.

BY A. O'DELL.

THERE was a festival kept in honor of one of the gods three weeks ago, and during the time it lasts the Bengalis are permitted to say and do anything they please, no matter how wicked the words and action may be. The name of this god is Krishna. He is said to have persuaded some people to worship a mountain and bring their offerings to it instead of the god they were in the habit of worshipping. On the people doing as directed by him, they incurred the displeasure of their god, who threatened to drown them by a flood. Krishna saved them from destruction by lifting up the mountain and holding it above their heads for a period of seven days and nights. He is said to have been most unscrupulous in all his actions, and yet the mere mention of his name is, according to the belief of the Bengalis, a safe conduct to heaven.

Giving a Name to Japanese Babies.

WHEN a Japanese baby is a month old, it is taken to the temple, and after the performance of ceremonies, the father hands three names to the priest. These are shaken up in a sacred dish while prayers are repeated, and then they are thrown into the air. The name first falling to the floor is thought to be the one chosen by the god. This is written on ornamented

paper and given to the father. A boy receives a second name when he reaches his majority; when he is married, a third; and if he becomes an officer of government, a fourth. A liberal fee is given for his first name. As signifying the wish for long life, a ball of flax thread is always given.

Not a Boy.

SOME one lecturing about the Algerians recently in Paris told the following suggestive incident:

Some of the ladies, seeing our admiration of the Moorish children, surprised us by the visit of a splendidly-dressed and lovely little girl of seven or eight. "The child is lovely as a rose," I said to her father. "Does she read and write?" "No," said he; "my daughter—why she is a girl." "And because she is a girl thou teachest her nothing?" "Nothing; for a woman is happy only when she knows nothing."

"But she cannot read the Koran, which speaks of Allah, who made her so beautiful!"

"So much the better; my daughter has nothing to do with the mysteries of the Koran."

"But I believe, with the great prophet Christ, that she has a soul, even as you and I."

"Ah," cried he, desperately, "my daughter is not a boy!"

A Chinese Baby's Dress.

A BABY'S dress is not very elaborate in this country. It consists of a piece of blue cotton cloth about a yard square, well wadded. The baby is put in the middle, the little feet toward one corner. The corner next the left side is folded over the tiny hands; the one to the right is put over that; the one towards the feet is

put over both. Then a strong string is wrapped around the whole, and the precious little parcel is kept as warm and comfortable as possible. It can kick, too, and goo-goo, and is as happy a little baby as you ever saw. The corner of the square next the head is sometimes put over the little face, but generally the baby is free to look around and breathe.—*Mrs. Kirkland, in the "M. P. Missionary."*

Consecrated Silver.

"Their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God and to the Holy One of Israel." Is. 60 : 9.

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HAVE we not more friends who will write us in the strain of the following?

"Some of God's silver has come into my hands, and I want to send five dollars to the W. U. M. S."

"I enclose a gift for the W. U. M. S. May the Lord add his blessing to the 'widow's mite,' and may he abundantly bless all who are seeking to spread the knowledge of Christ, and give success to their labors. The MISSIONARY LINK is always a welcome visitor."

A friend in Missouri :

"I have, during these two years, very much prized my life membership in the Union Missionary Society. I have received and read the LINK regularly and with great interest. After reading it I am ready to give it out to any young lady who is on duty at our monthly missionary meeting. The LINK furnishes material of some kind for almost every meeting. It is very helpful in that way."

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Miss L. H. Overstreet, by "Prairie Gleaners," Galesburg, Ill.
Miss Hattie M. Richards, by "Earnest Workers," Roselle, N. J.
Mr. Hiram Hitchcock, N. Y.
Mrs. Reuben Hulick, by Millstone Auxiliary.
Mrs. James Chase, by Old South Union Band, Brooklyn.
Miss H. M. Fisher, by " " "
Mrs. Murray Shipley, by Cincinnati Branch, O.
Miss Julia F. Cockle, by Mission Workers of Christ Church, Peoria, Ill.

NEW MISSION BANDS.

New Bands of Ref. Epis. Church.

Cawnpore Band of Emmanuel Church, Newark, N. J., Miss E. A. Gore, Pres.; Miss Chamberlain, Sec.

Mission Band of the Church of the Sure Foundation, Westchester, Pa.

Aftermath Band, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. J. Howard-Smith.

In Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Hoffman Bible Class; Thomas H. Powers Memorial Band; Bishop Cummins Memorial Band; Mrs. Bishop Nicholson Band; Charles Emory Band; Busy Bees Band.

LEAFLETS—REPRINTS.

No. 25—What a Pair of Slippers Did, per dozen..... .....18c.
" 79—Givers for Jesus and Sequel, per dozen.....25c.
" 81—Our Hospital..... .....20c.

DONATIONS.

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts for our Mission Stations:

India.—For the Orphanage, from "Earnest Workers" R. E. Church, Castleton, N. Y., a box of dolls, scrap-books, quilt, boxes, books, etc.

Miss Davidson and Mrs. Lowry, Philadelphia, 1 dozen towels, 1 dozen scissors.

Mrs. Barber and friends, St. Louis, 35 dresses, 12 dolls, books, 20 skirts, 14 cakes soap, 10 baskets, 16 yards muslin.

Earnest Workers, Roselle, N. J., 8 scrap-books, 6 yards calico, 13 dolls, 22 wash cloths from Mrs. Dow, 5 yards knit lace from Mrs. Price, tray cover from Miss M. Mulford, work apron from Miss I. Stone, laundry bag from Miss J. Price, woolen comforter, etc.

Excelsior Band, Cranford, N. J., 50 dolls, 500 blocks patchwork, 14 balls, 16 pincushions, 12 scrap-books, pair worsted slippers and lap-robe for China.

Harriet Holland Band, Philadelphia, 64 dolls, 2 dozen work bags, 2 dozen pair scissors, 1 dozen silver thimbles, games, patchwork, soap, tidies, cards, leaflets, etc.

Mrs. W. R. Lyon, Morristown, N. J., children's books, slate, etc.

Young ladies of Miss Bulkley's school, Tarrytown, 13 dolls, 11 Bibles, 27 book marks, 9 sachets, 16 bags, needles, thimbles, scissors, 72 slates and 200 pencils.

Girls' Band of Helpers, New Brunswick, 36 dolls, 25 wash rags, 20 work bags, 31 cakes soap, 1 dozen thimbles, scissors, toys, etc.; and from the Boys' Mission Circle, 33 rolled bandages for Shanghai hospital, 9 scrap-books, 5 pillows of cut paper, copies of the Lord's Prayer, etc.

Gardner Band, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., 1 lunch cloth, 12 doylies, 24 napkins, 36 towels, dressing-gown, piece cheese cloth, 18 baby slips, 12 emeries, 6 pair scissors, kid gloves, 6 handkerchiefs, silk scarf, 3 pair silk gloves, 4 globes, paper, envelopes, books, baskets, piece lawn, 53 dolls, candies, etc.

Miss M. L. Bennett, Fairfield, Ct., basted patchwork.

Helping Hands Band, Washington Heights, N. Y., 13 dolls, picture, material for embroidery.

Proudfit Band, Morristown, N. J., Mrs. Doty and Miss Marsh, 2 jarmars; Allegheny City, Pa., 3 dresses, 17 handkerchiefs.

Doremus Band, Cincinnati, for China, India and Japan, 3 Bibles, books, dolls, 150 wash rags, soap, scrap-books, slates, handkerchiefs, portfolio, koortas, etc.

The Misses Vernon, Morristown, 2 dolls and jarmars.

Miss Bates, Columbus, 6 packages cards.

Allahabad.—Mrs. Cyrus Field, N. Y., 1 silk bag, 26½ yards muslin, 45½ yards gingham, 126 dolls.

Mrs. Haddock and friends, Philadelphia, 11 dolls, 4 tidies, pincushions, cards, books, pencils, marbles, etc.

Mrs. Lathrop, Morganville, N. Y., 45 koortas, 33 work bags, 23 dolls, 14 yards print, 4 towels, handkerchiefs, cards, apron.

Calcutta Home.—W. M. S., Calvary Church, Newark, 64 dolls, 22 bed comforters, 10 jarmars, 2 pieces muslin, 11 handkerchiefs, 1 dozen towels, Bible and Testament, cambric, 20 rabbits, dress, etc.

Mrs. S. W. Barber, St. Louis, Mo., and friends, 22 scrap-books, cards, 20 dresses, 10 yards lawn, 90 yards calico, 24 dolls, books, towels, material, etc.

Baltimore Auxiliary, for Miss Smith, 3 boxes of dolls and scrap-book from little girl.

Miss Wallace, Newark, 25 dolls, and from a friend 30 dolls.

Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Vickers and Mrs. Weston, of Baltimore Auxiliary, 3 boxes dolls for Miss Smith.

Mrs. E. B. Monroe, bundle patchwork.

"Drop-in-the-Bucket Band," Morristown, for Orphanage, Calcutta, 9 dolls, 21 books, pincushions, scrap-books, etc. For Shanghai hospital, books, dolls, pin-balls, etc.

Cawnpore.—Willing Workers, Wilmington, Del., 16 scrap-books, 25 yards patchwork, 21 framed pictures, 77 bags, 37 dolls, 30 koortas, etc.

Mission Band of R. E. Church Sure Foundation, Westchester, Pa., for Miss Eberle, 7 dolls, 12 skirts, 14 work bags, 6 cakes soap, 12 school bags, 50 basted patches, 12 koortas, ½ dozen napkins, books, pencils, toys, etc.

Cawnpore Band of Emmanuel Church, Newark, 50 koortas, 13 dolls, 254 block patchwork, 3 cakes soap, etc.; also, from Emmanuel Band, 15 dolls, 13 koortas, etc.

Willing Workers, Wilmington, Del., 16 scrap-books, 25 yards patchwork, 21 framed pictures, 4 books, 257 patches, 77 bags, 37 dolls, 30 koortas, etc.

Mountain Mission Band, So. Orange, quantity patchwork, dolls, aprons; also 12 aprons, 13 dolls.

Friends in Peoria, Ill., 50 koortas, 36 books, dolls, cards, pepper boxes, 27 sachets, etc.

Mrs. Pierson, Summit, N. J., 12 koortas, scrap-book.

First R. E. Church, Boston, a valuable box.

Young Ladies' "Gardner Band" and Ladies' Miss. Soc., of St. Paul's R. E. Church, Chicago, 45 books, towels, wash rags, dolls, 4 sheets, 9 pillow cases, 24 koortas, 4 dresses, 6 aprons, etc.

Hillside Band, Cold Spring, 12 skirts and koortas, cards, bags, 19 dolls, etc.

Miss Haswell, N. Y., a valuable package of books, papers and leaflets

Per Mrs. Jane C. Edwards, Morton, Pa., 6 dolls, 1 dozen jarmars, pictures, cards, etc.

China.—Miss A. Reifsnyder, for Dr. Reifsnyder, night dresses, stockings and underwear; also knit shawl from Mrs. Dunkerley, Lititz, Pa.

Medical Mission Band, Baltimore, Md., roll linen.

The Girls' Mission Band of Madison Av. R. Church, Albany, N. Y., medical watch.

Princeton, N. J., box of scrap-books, cards, knitted wash cloths, linen, note paper, etc.

Per Mrs. Choate, Irvington, N. Y., linen and patchwork; Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Perkins, cotton and linen.

Ella Duval, a member of the Invalids' Auxiliary, Brooklyn, scrap-book for hospital.

"Lend a Hand Band," Brooklyn, sheets, tablecloths, napkins, handkerchiefs, old linen, etc.

Mrs. Nixon, Brooklyn, package linen.

Miss Sophia Stevens, Princeton, N. J., shawl for Dr. Reifsnyder.

"The Mite Gatherers," Plattsburgh, N. Y., 12 pillows for China; for

Calcutta, 11 work bags, 8 jarmars, 6 wash rags and soap, patchwork and scrap-books.

"Hearts and Hands for Jesus Band," Sing Sing, New York, 1 quilt for hospital, 6 scrap-books.

Mrs. H. A. Clarke, Jamestown, R. I., ½ dozen picture-books, linen, etc.

Young Ladies' Mission Band, New Brunswick, box for Dr. Reifsnyder, 12 sheets, 24 pillow cases, 19 bandages, per Miss Ford.

New Brunswick Auxiliary, bandages, cards, 6 towels, 6 wash cloths, 6 cakes soap, 7 pillow cases; also, for Calcutta Orphanage, 16 koortas, 8 work bags, 3 jarmars, 1 skirt, per Mrs. Dunham.

St. Stephen, N. B., Mrs. Todd, a furnished work-basket for "Esther."

Japan.—"Ready Hearts and Willing Hands," N. Y., for Mrs. Viele, 36 undergarments, 18 aprons, 4 pair blankets, 14 scrap-books, 6 counterpanes, 8 portfolios, 21 pair stockings, 18 cakes soap, 24 pair mits, 12 shawls, work baskets, muslin, flannel, gingham, 17 Scripture rolls, 36 handkerchiefs, 30 books, 6 placques, etc.

Sunday scholars of Miss Bradford, Wilmington, Del., 12 dolls and patchwork.

Mrs. S. E. Warner, Brooklyn, package fancy articles for Miss Ward; from the same and Miss McConochie, package for Miss Andrews, Shanghai.

Mary E. Hays Memorial Band, First R. E. Church, New York, for Miss Lathrop, Allahabad, 7 koortas, 11 teacher's dresses. Miss Hook, Calcutta, 34 dolls, 10 jarmars, 15 scrap-books, 4 dolls' collars, 1 koorta. Miss Gardner, Orphanage, Calcutta, 7 rag dolls, 27 doylies, 18 scrap-books. Mrs. Viele, Yokohama, 10 dolls, 3 rolls of patchwork. Miss Andrews, Shanghai, 10 dolls, 12 muslin scrap-books, made by Miss May Holly's Band of "Ten." Miss Sunder, Calcutta, 6 Bible pictures.

Receipts *of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, from June 1st to August 1st, 1887.*

CANADA.

St. Stephen, St. Stephen's Aux., per Mrs. H. T. Todd, for support of Esther in Shangai, 30; Links, 1, ... $31 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Boston Branch, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas. (see items below), ... 324 00

Northampton, Missionary Society of Smith College, Miss L. A. Husted, Treas., for assistant in the Margaret Williamson, Hospital, Shanghai, 25; for Elizabeth Hopkins, Calcutta, 15; for Mitzu Yuwasa, Japan, 60, ... $100 00

"The Seelye Children" per Miss M. A. Allen, for Mary Seelye's substitute, . . 25 00

Collected by Miss M. A. Allen, viz.:

Miss K. E. Tyler, . .	$5 00
Mrs. L. C. Seelye, . .	5 00
" W. M. Gaylord, .	5 00
Miss E. A. Warner, . .	5 00
Mrs. R. Hubbard, . .	1 00
" E. Wells, . . .	1 00
" Cooper, . . .	1 00
" Geo. Loomis, subscription and Link, . .	1 50

Mrs. H. B. Fisk, . . $10 00
Miss Nina P. Fisk, . . 5 00
Mrs. M. S. Tenney, . . 10 00
Miss Mary E. Clark, . 5 00
Mrs. H. Hinckley, . . 3 00
" L. B. Williams, . 2 00
" I. D. Clark, . . 1 00
" J. Whittelsey, . . 2 50
Miss Helen Clark, . . 1 00
Mrs. M. Hubbard, . . 50
" R. B. Dickinson, . 1 00
" C. H. Dickinson, . 2 00
" A. L. Williston, . 5 00
" J. Stoddard, . . 1 00
" M. M. French, . . 5 00
Miss E. Baker, . . . 5 00
Mrs. A. S. McClean, subscription and LINK, for the Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai, . . 5 50
Mrs. H. F. Williams, . 1 00
" J. S. Lathrop, . . 2 00
" J. H. Butler, . . 5 00
" J. H. Searle, . . 2 00
" J. P. Williston, . 3 00
Miss M. A. Allen, . . 5 00
Total for the year, 107, of which previously acknowledged, 29.60 . —— $77 50

$526 50

RHODE ISLAND.

Narragansett Pier, Miss Louisa Le Roy, from Mrs. John Glover, for Charlotte Otis Le Roy bed in M. Williamson Hospital, Shanghai, . . $25 00
Providence, per Mrs. C. E. Green, Mrs. Jessie Metcalf, 5; Mrs. Gorham Thurber, 2; Miss Granger, 1.50, and for LINK, .50; Mrs. L. G. Burrows, 1, . 10 00

$35 00

NEW YORK.

Albany, Albany Branch, Mrs. Townsend, Treas. Band "Earnest Workers," of the Reformed Church at Castleton, N. Y., Miss L. M. Westcott, Pres., for Miss Gardner's Orphanage, Calcutta, 15.31
Through Mrs. J. Townsend, Lansing, Mrs. E. F. Spoor, annual subcription, 5; Miss A. F. Fairchild, 5, . . . 10 00
Temple Grove Seminary Band, Saratoga, Miss Helen W. North, Sec., for Shika Ino, at Yokohama, ... 14.00 $39 31
Bridgehampton, L. I., D. M. Miller Memorial Band, per Miss M. E. Rose, for "Addie Hand" at Shanghai, . . 30 00
Brooklyn, Band "Cheerful Givers" of Pilgrim Chapel, per Miss S. A. Harlow, . . . 16 00
"Light Bearers" Band of Church of the Pilgrims, Mrs. Robert A. Burch, Treas., of which from Mrs. James P. Wallace, 50; Mr. S. B. Chittenden, 25; "Happy Hour Club" of seven little girls, for Miss Gardner's Orphanage, 3.50; "Earnest Workers," class of boys, for Miss Hook, 6.25. To be appropriated for Kushum in Calcutta, 80, and Chundon, 40; for child in China, 40; for child in Japan, 40; for assistant to Dr. Kelsey, 50; for Miss Gardner's school, 66.25, ... $326 00
Per Mrs. S. E. Warner, from Mrs. Lydia B. Letts, of Lansingburgh, N. Y., for the Zenana Mission of Woman's Union Missionary Society, through Mr. A. S. Barnes and Rev. T. B. McLeod, representing Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, . . 1,000 00
"H. and S.," for first year's support of "S. E. Warner Bed," in Shanghai Hospital, under Miss Andrews' care, . . 25 00
B. C Cutler Memorial Band, per Mrs. Charles C. Gignoux, 20 00
Old South Union Band, Miss E. E. Burke, Treas., for support of Miki, Japan, 40; for salary of Hisa Saraki, 63; all for Life Memberships of MRS. A. CHASE and MISS H. M. FISHER, ... 103 00
Cold Spring, per Miss A. P. Wilson, Hillside Band, from Mrs. Muir, for Miss Ward's school, ... 5 00
Corona, L. I., Leverich Memorial Band, per Mrs. J. Van Wickel, for Miné in Japan, . . 20 00
Dobbs Ferry, Miss M. Alice McComb, for freight on box to India, ... 5 00
Hicks, Mrs. Susan A. Davis, donation and LINK, . . . 20 00
Ithaca, ladies of Ithaca, per Miss J. L. Hardy, Presbyterian Church, for support of Miss Ward, ... 15 00
Per Miss Jane L. Hardy, from Congregational Church, through Mrs. H. A. St. John, 63 00
New York, Mrs. H. B. Judd, . 5 00
Mrs. James Stuart, annual subscription, per Mrs. Southmayd, ... 5 00
In memoriam of Mrs. Sarah W. Hills, per Miss Sarah B. Hills, for Bible Reader in Japan for 1887, ... 60 00
Mrs. Frances M. Wiley, for her Bible Reader, ... 100 00
Mrs. H. Johnson, debt to Miss McKechnie, ... 60

Mrs. M. E. B., for purchases in Calcutta, ... $11 89
New Brighton, S. I., Brighton Heights Mission Band, Miss Martie B. Delevan, Treas., for girl in Yokohama, . . . 50 00
Riverhead, L. I., Woman's Mission Band of Northville, per Miss Lillie J. Young, for Mary Anna Aldrich, Calcutta, ... 30 00

$1,949 80

NEW JERSEY.

Millstone Aux., Miss L. A. Vandervoort, Treas., for two Bible Readers at Madanapalle, India, under Dr. Wm. W. Scudder, 50; for work of Society, 15; to constitute Mrs. Reuben Hulick life member, 65 00
Newark, Newark Aux., Mrs. E. D G. Smith, Treas., from Zenana Band of Woodside, per Mrs. C. C. Hine, balance from Fair, ... 36 45
Miss Bleecker, per Miss A. M. Van Wagenen, for Bibles to be sent to Miss Hook, . . 10 00
Semi-annual offering from Calvary Presbyterian Church, by Mrs. Berry, ... 15 00
Mrs. W. H. Van Wagnen, for expressage on box, . . 1 00
Miss Sarah Wallace, for support of school for poor children in Shanghai, . . . 20 00
New Brunswick, New Brunswick Aux., Miss Anne B. Cook, Treas., from Bethel Mission Sunday-school, for support of child in Calcutta, half-yearly sum, 15; from Band of Helpers, for "Pootie" in Calcutta, 30, and for hospital in Shanghai, 18, . 63 00
Orange, Mrs. J. St. John, donation and Link, ... 5 50
Princeton, Princeton Branch, Miss Ellen L. A. Brown, Treas., for support of Miss Easton, ... 100 00
Miss S. Stevens, for freight on box and trunk to Shanghai, . 9 98
Roselle, "Earnest Workers," per Mrs. D. W. Berdan, to complete Life Membership of Miss Hattie M. Richards, . 5 00
South Orange, Mountain Mission Band, per Mrs. Mary L. Morrison, ... 11 50
Through Foreign Mission Committee of Reformed Episcopal Church, Rev. A. M. Morrison, Sec., for mission work in Cawnpore, ...
Emmanuel Mission Band, Emmanuel Church, Newark, N. J., Rev. E. B. England, Rector, Mrs. M. L. Morrison, Pres., ... $10 00
Aftermath Mission Band, Philadelphia, Pa., . . . 5 00
Mission Workers of Christ Church, Peoria, Ill., Mrs. Lucie B. Tyng, Pres., to constitute Miss Julia F. Cockle, Sec., a Life Member, ... 50 00
Mrs. Margaret Pechin, Philadelphia, "Thanksgiving box," 5 00
Rev. C. J. Pettigrew, Charleston, S. C., ... 1 07
Total from Rev. A. M. Morrison, 71.07 . . . .

$413 50

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Philadelphia Branch, Miss C. Remington, Treas.:
Salary, etc. of Miss Lathrop, . $196 00
Salary, etc. of Miss Leslie and Miss Peters, ... 196 00
Salary, etc. of Miss Hook, . 196 00
Salary, etc. of Dr. Reifsnyder, . 125 00
Salary of Miss Eberle, . . 32 00
Lambertville Auxiliary, for Bible Reader in Shanghai, 56; for Onaka San in Yokohama, 65; for Emma Wetherill in Calcutta, 30, ... 151 00
For Sarah Emory Morton, . 30 00
To Miss Gardiner for zenana work in Calcutta, . . . 10 00

$936 00

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Miss A. R. Seevers, to purchase Bible for Shanghai, ... $1 00

VIRGINIA.

Charlottesville, Blue Ridge Band, per Mrs. H. B. Burnley, . $3 00

OHIO.

Cincinnati, Cincinnati Branch, Mrs. M. M. White, Treas.:
From the Doremus Band, . $86 00
For Rei Shemida, Bible Reader in Japan, ... 40 00
For Cottie Fox, in Calcutta Orphanage, ... 30 00
For Mary Murphy, in Calcutta Orphanage, ... 30 00
Annual collections for support of Miss McKechnie, . . 242 10
For Belle Morrison in Japan, . 60 00
For Laura Clifton in Calcutta Orphanage, ... 30 00
For Life Membership of Mrs. Murray Shipley, and for sending new Medical Missionaries (see items below), . 50 00

$568 10

Mrs. S. J. Broadwell, for freight on box, ... $1 75

$569 85

KENTUCKY.

Franklin, Dorinda Band, per Mrs. D. A. Duncan, for Iwazaki O'Kin san, Japan, . . $10 00
Louisville, Kentucky Branch, per Mrs. S. J. Look, Treas., from Mrs. L. L. Warren, for Mrs. Pierson's work in Yokohama, ... 300 00

$310 00

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Chicago Branch, Mrs. O. F. Avery, Sec. and Treas. (see items below), . . . $74 70
Galesburgh, Prairie Gleaners, per Miss Grace Wyckoff, for Life Membership of Miss L. H. Overstreet, ... 50 00

$124 70

MICHIGAN.

Lansing, Children's meeting of First Baptist Church, Mr. F. W. Swan, Treas., . . . $2 98

MISSOURI.

Savannah, Mrs. Kate F. Hobson, 15, and her little son, 10, . $15 10

CALIFORNIA.

Farmington, Trigo Band, per Mrs. Joseph Manchester, . $11 76
Also from Mr. Tobey, as Memorial of his wife, a member of Sunset Band, ... 2 00

$13 76

Sales of Publications :

Subscriptions to Missionary Link, Mrs. A. L. Potter, 2; Miss M. M. Welch, 3.50; Mrs. J. Lathrop, 2.50; smaller subscriptions, 10.85, . . . $18 85
Sales of Kardoo, ... 1 65
Leaflets, circulars, etc., . . 3 83

$24 33

Received toward purchase of statue "Agnus Dei," (see list below), ... $405 50

Total Receipts from June 1st to August 1st, 1887, . . $5,362 02

Mrs. J. E. Johnson,
Asst. Treas.

Received towards purchase of Statue of "Agnus Dei," and for Medical Mission Work.

Boston, Mass., Miss L. S. Waterbury, 5; Mrs. Bela Mitchell, 1, ... $6 00
Jamestown, R. I., Mrs. H. Audley Clarke, ... 5 00
Guilford, Ct., Mrs. H. E. Fowler, 1 00
South Norwalk, Mrs. and Miss Platt, 1; Mrs. Davis Hatch, .50 1 50
Southport, Mrs. E. B. Monroe, . 5 00
Albany, N. Y., Mrs. Fred. Townsend, ... 2 00
Brooklyn, Mrs. R. L. Wyckoff, . 3 00
Miss R. B. Anderson, . . . 5 00
Mrs. Augustus E. Colson, . . 4 00
Cold Spring, Mrs Judge Ingraham 5 00
Dobbs Ferry, per Miss M. Alice McComb, Mines Mills, Hastings-on-Hudson, 1; Miss Masters, 1, ... 2 00
Gansevoort, Miss C. Buston, . 1 00
Irvington, Mrs. John T. Terry, 10; Mrs. Post, 5, . . . 15 00
Le Roy, Mrs. A. H. Manwaring, . 5 00
New York City, Mrs. T. B. Bradley, ... 5 00
Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Ackerman, . $1 00
" Frances M. Wiley, . . 50 00
" Wm. Foster, Jr., Carmansville, ... 30 00
Mrs. J. V. R. Townsend, . . 10 00
" W. G. Lyon, ... 1 00
Plattsburgh, Mrs. Moss K. Platt, 5 00
Sing Sing, Miss Mary S. Stone, 10, and Mrs. C. M. Hitchcock, .50, ... 10 50
Walter L. Johnson, . . . 50
Stuyvesant, Mrs. E. N. Collier, . 5 00
Tarrytown, pupils of Miss H. L. Bulkley's school, 5.50, Little Mission Band, .50, . . . 6 00
Utica, Mrs. Sarah A. Mudge, . 1 00
Yonkers, Mrs. R. A. Roberts, . 25 00
Mrs. Anna B. Simmons, . . 1 00
Hamilton, N. J., Mrs. John Deill, 2 00
Hamburgh, Mrs. Daniel Haines, 50 00
Morristown, Mrs. Edgar Randolph 50
Newark, Miss E. M. Coe, . . 1 00
Mrs. Dr. Oehme, ... 8 00
New Brunswick, Miss Mary A. Campbell, ... 1 00

Mrs. E. A. Thomas,	$1 00
Passaic Bridge, Mrs. Chas. Aycrigg,	3 00
Princeton, Princeton Branch, per Mrs. Arnold Guyot, 51; viz.:	
Mrs. David Brown,	5 00
Miss Ellen Brown,	5 00
Mrs. H. C. Cameron,	1 00
" John T. Duffield,	5 00
" Brenton Greene,	5 00
" E. Grand Pierre,	3 00
" J. S. Gulick,	1 00
" Arnold Guyot,	5 00
" E. Stanislaus Jones,	5 00
" Minott Morgan,	5 00
" Henry L Norris,	5 00
Prof. Wm. A. Packard,	5 00
Miss Tuthill,	1 00
Scotch Plains, Mrs. S. R. Bucknall and Miss E. S. Coles,	1 00
Short Hills, Dr. and Mrs. Buttolph	25 00
South Orange, Mrs. M. C. Morrison, 5, and Miss M. K. A. Stone, .50,	5 50
Roselle, Mrs. D. W. Berdan,	$0 50
Per Mrs. L. K. White,	6 50
Easton, Pa., Miss Emma F. Randolph,	5 00
Liverpool, Miss A. Reifsnyder,	50
Philadelphia, Mrs. C. L. Haddock,	2 00
Miss M. Boardman,	1 00
New Castle, Del., Mrs. Mary Couper Smith, 10; A. C. P., 1; E. L. S., 1; H. S., 1; and J. W. P., .50,	13 50
Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Dr. Warfield,	5 00
Rockford, Ill., Mrs. Ralph Emerson,	10 00
Cawker City, Kansas, Mrs. John Hoekje,	1 00
	$405 50
Previously acknowledged,	97 00
	$502 50

Receipts *of Boston Branch.*

Dorchester and Roxbury Auxiliary, Miss C. A. Vinson, Treas.	
Mrs. Walter Baker,	$200 00
Mr. B. C. Hardwick,	25 00
Mrs. J. W. Brooks,	10 00
" J. H. Means,	10 00
" J. S. Kendall,	5 00
" M. L. Bradford,	5 00
Misses Wilder,	5 00
Miss M. A. Vinson,	2 00
" C. A. Vinson,	1 00
Mrs. Geo. Vose,	1 00
" Benson,	1 00
" John Foster,	1 00
" Jas. Foster,	1 00
Miss Ann Tolman,	1 00
" Eliz. Tolman,	1 00
" E. B. Sharp,	1 00
Mrs. John Davis,	1 00
	$271 00
Mr. Hiram Hitchcock, New York, for Life Membership,	$50 00
Band of Scattered Grain, per Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. I. N. Bridgette, Sawyerville, Quebec, 2; Miss S. L. Waterbury, for Link, 1,	3 00
	$324 00

Also from the estate of Lucius J. Knowles, Worcester, Mass., Mr. H. A. Marsh, executor, a gift from Mrs. Knowles, to be permanently invested for support of a school in Allahabad, India, $3,000.

And from Mrs. Bela Mitchell, elsewhere acknowledged, $1.

Mrs. HENRY JOHNSON,
Treas.

Receipts *of Cincinnati Branch.*

By Mrs. S. J. Broadwell:	
The Doremus Band,	$86 00
Mrs. George Wilshire,	5 00
Master Nat. F. Wilshire,	5 00
Mrs. Jacob Burnes,	2 00
" Bellamy Storer,	5 00
" E. J. Miller,	5 00
" Robert F. Leaman,	5 00
" Charles T. Dickson,	5 00
Miss Clara B. Fletcher,	5 00
Mrs. Dr. W. W. Seeley,	5 00
" S. J. Broadwell,	10 00
" E. N. Pendleton,	10 00
" Samuel W. Fisher,	1 00
" Wilson Brown,	5 00
	$154 00
By Mrs. M. D. Stambach:	
From the Shining Lights Band, for the support of Cottie Fox in the Calcutta Orphanage,	$30 00
For the support of Rei Shemida, Bible Reader in Yokohama, Japan,	40 00
	$70 00
Collections by Mrs. Dr. N. Foster:	
Mrs. Davis C. Anderson,	$5 00
Miss Phebe Baker,	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Carson, and Link,	3 60
" Stephen Coles,	5 00
" N. Foster,	10 00
" Frank J. Jones,	5 00
Miss Mary McLean,	3 00

Mrs. E. L. Potter,	$10 00
" Wm. H. Porter,	20 00
" Walter Smith,	5 00
" John P. Tweed,	1 00
" Frank T. McFadden,	3 00
	$75 00

Mrs. Dr. John Murphy, for the support of Mary Murphy in the Calcutta Orphanage, . $30 00

Collections by Mrs. S. G. Tatum:

Mrs. S. G. Tatum,	$5 00
" M. M. White,	5 00
Miss Laura G. Smith,	3 00
" Anna Warder, and LINK,	1 50
	$14 50

By Mrs. M. M. White:

Mrs. J. B. Stewart	$5 00
" Wm. H. Porter,	5 00
" Jacob Skates Burnet,	3 00
" E. W. Strong,	2 00
" R. H. Shoemaker,	5 00
	$20 00

By Mrs Alexander McDonald:
The Clifton Band, for the support of Belle Morrison in the Home, Yokohama, Japan, . 30 00

For the support of Laura Clifton in the Calcutta Orphanage, . $30 00

$90 00

Mrs. Kemper's collections, 1887, for Union Missionary Society:

Mrs. Andrew C. Kemper,	$5 00
Master James Brown Kemper,	1 00
Mrs. D. Rice Kemper,	1 00
Mrs. A. Buchanan,	5 00
Miss Carson,	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Gibson,	5 00
" I. N. Stanger,	2 00
" Alex. McDonald,	5 00
Miss P. H. Lupton,	1 00
Mrs. Wm. Howard-Neff,	5 00
" Mrs. W. H. Allen, and LINK,	2 00
Mrs. W. H. Harrison,	5 00
" Beach,	1 00
" Samuel Taft,	1 00
" Henry Spencer,	5 00
" Geo. B. Orr,	5 00
" M. D. Potter,	5 00
" F. G. Huntington,	5 00
	$64 00

MRS. M. M. WHITE,
Treasurer.

RECEIPTS *of Chicago Branch.*

Mrs. Henry Read,	$5 00
Martha Parks, for LINK for two years,	1 20
Band "Cheerful Givers," of Washington Heights, Ill., for Japanese girl,	17 76
Also Union Sunday-school at Washington Heights, for the same girl in Japan,	7 24

This completes $50 for 1887.

Sunday-school of Railroad Chapel, for Ruth Ballard, in Shanghai,	$40 00
Miss Clara Hunt,	3 00
Sale of one picture of "Agnus Dei,"	50
	$74 70

MRS. O. F. AVERY,
Treas.

RECEIPTS *of Philadelphia Branch from June 1st to September 1st. 1887.*

Through E. W. Kelly:	
From St. Paul's Bible Class of Episcopal Hospital Mission,	$10 00
Lambertville Auxiliary,	151 00
Germantown Auxiliary,	8 00
Through Mrs. J. Howard-Smith:	
"Aftermath Band," West Philadelphia, for Cawnpore,	10 00
Through Mrs. W. Waterall:	
Miss Schaeffer,	2 00
Mrs. J. D. Price,	2 00
" H. T. Coates,	2 00
" E. J. Earle,	1 00
" H. L. Lipman, and LINK,	1 60
Miss L. L. Williamson,	1 00
" Kates,	2 00
Mrs. Hood,	2 00
Mrs. J. K. Hood,	2 00
Miss Broadbent,	$2 00
Mrs. S. M. Elliot,	2 00
" Wm. Waterall,	7 00
Miss Walton, LINK,	60
" J. Bell, LINK,	60
	$27 80
Through Mrs. J. E. Graeff:	
Horace W. Pitkin,	$15 00
Through the Treasurer:	
Christ Memorial R. E. Sunday-school, W. Philadelphia, for support of Sarah Emory Morton in Calcutta Orphanage,	30 00
	$251 80

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